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COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants wish to note that small entity status can be claimed for the above application. An executed verified statement claiming small entity status was filed for this application on March 20, 2000 and with the subsequent assignment of this application from Biotecon Gesellschaft fuer Biotechnologische Entwicklung und Consulting mbH to the current assignee, Biotecon Diagnostics GmbH, small entity status is still applicable. Applicants have marked the enclosed issue fee transmittal to reflect that small entity status applies and enclosed is the requisite fee for paying a base issue fee by a small entity (\$700) plus \$30 to pay for 10 soft copies of the issued patent.

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Respectfully submitted,

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